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Tēnā koe Miss Quicken

Thank you for your email of 7 May 2026 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- Re [Band Rotunda strengthening and redevelopment](#)

This is / was now a second attempt to revive the site and there are concerns in the social media that the development may have stopped again where one or few of the main backers may or may not have pulled out.

Please release both:

1. *The original proposal by Watson group and;*
 2. *The contact WCC signed with Watson group*
 3. *Any updates / notices from Watson group relating to the work from past four weeks*
 4. *Should include the lease terms as agreed with Watson group what sets out that under what terms the development was secured in order to avoid repeat failure to revive the site.*
- *I also note that both Watson group [website is no longer functional] and the Oriental bay rotunda website have now seemed stopped functioning as well raising questions about continued development on the site. Website is now active after following up with Watson Group on this matter.*

Links provided:

[Private Site](#)

[Wellington Pavilion | Oriental Bay Rotunda Redevelopment](#)

[Wellington Pavilion hospitality partnership announcement - News and information - Wellington City Council](#)

[Band Rotunda strengthening and redevelopment - Projects - Wellington City Council](#)

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

Please find attached, as Appendix 01, to my response a copy of the most recent update from the Watson Group relating to works being undertaken. Some information has been withheld from this correspondence pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, to protect the privacy of natural persons.

As the contract is still active, I am withholding the remainder of your request pursuant to section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the LGOIMA, to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information, and section 7(2)(h) of the LGOIMA, to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

As per section 7(1) of the LGOIMA, I do not consider that in the circumstances of this response, the withholding of this information is outweighed by the other considerations which render it desirable to in the public interest to make the information available.

I trust this information is helpful. If you have any concerns about the response please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz. Alternatively, you are advised of your right to raise any concerns with the Office of the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DM.B', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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